

EXPRESS MAIL NO. 894961207**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named co-inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS**

the application of which:   X   is attached hereto.  
           was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on  
           and assigned Serial Number             
           and was amended on            (if applicable).  
           was described and claimed in PCT International Application No.  
           filed on            and amended  
           under PCT Article 19 on            (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign and/or provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or of any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

**PRIOR FOREIGN/PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)**

Country	Application Number	Filing Date (Day/Month/Year)	Priority Claimed Under 35 USC § 119
USA	60/273,377	3/5/01	Yes <u>  X  </u> No <u>      </u>

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below or any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S)**

Application Serial Number	U.S. Filing Date (day/month/year)	Status (patented, pending or abandoned)

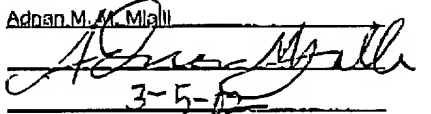
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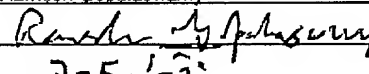
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : MJALLI, A. et al.  
Serial No. : Unassigned  
Filed : Herewith  
For : BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AS  
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS

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Washington, DC 20231

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Sir:

The undersigned, TransTech Pharma, Inc., assignee of the entire interest of Adnan M. M. Mjalli and Ramesh Gopalaswamy, in and to an application for U.S. Letters Patent for BENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES AS THERAPEUTIC AGENTS, by an assignment document being recorded contemporaneously herewith at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (a copy attached hereto), hereby appoints the firm of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, comprising Cynthia B. Rothschild, U.S. Registration No. 47,040; Charles W. Calkins, U.S. Registration No. 31,814; and John M. Harrington, U.S. Registration No. 25,592; as my attorneys and/or agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that the documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee, i.e., assignment document referenced above, has been reviewed and the undersigned certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in assignee who seeks to prosecute this application.

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